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Gary Huber joins me in thanking you for your kindness in inspecting the animal facility at Charlesgate West and preparing a report of your findings for our guidance.

It is our desire to renovate this building in such manner that it will fully meet Food and Drug Administration, NIH, and Dept. of Agriculture criteria and be eligible for certification should this step become necessary.

In furtherance of this intention we have already removed the rabbits and are planning to follow all of the recommendations contained in your memo of Oct. 13, 1977. In addition, we wish to take advantage of your offer to review our plans and provide continuing advice on our operations.

We are planning to improve the animal facilities further by installing monolithic floors in rooms housing animals, to provide separate quarentine and isolation rooms for pigeons and for rats, to contain feed, bedding, and other supplies in unitized metal containers that are vermin proof and kept in a designated storage area outside the animal rooms, to improve the structure to provide greater protection against vermin and to follow the provisions of Para. 3.c 90, Animal Care, contained on page 51224 of the Federal Register of Nov. 19, 1976.

Would these improvements, in your opinion, provide us with a facility that would meet every one's criteria? If not, would you kindly indicate to me what additional steps should be taken to make the structure and its equipment and facilities of such quality that it will meet the above cited criteria? As I indicated to you earlier today, we are facing an urgent need to define all of the improvements that will be required to make it possible for us to resume full use of the facility for long term chronic studies at the earliest possible date. Your assistance is greatly desired and very much needed. It has been agreed that I will be the individual who will represent the

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interests of the Charlesgate lab for purposes of interacting with you and the Animal Resources Center.

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